

Hello!

I'm Banjo's cousin Riley. Here are some things about me:

1. I'm from AUSTRALIA - home of Uluru, koala bears and great surf!
2. My favourite snack is fairy bread
3. I'm going to be a writer when I grow up
4. I'm dyslexic

Have you heard of dyslexia?

Dyslexia is a learning difference which lots of people (and magical cats) have. In fact, one in ten of us is dyslexic! People with dyslexia have all kinds of jobs - they're doctors, firefighters, performers, inventors - and writers too!

Dyslexia isn't really one thing - it varies for everyone who has it. For me, dyslexia means that I learn things differently from my cousin Banjo. Sometimes I find reading a bit tricky as the letters seem to jump around a bit on the page and I miss out words. But when I'm at school, my teachers have great ideas to make learning easier. And we celebrate the things that I feel confident doing, too!

And you know what? Facing challenges with my learning has taught me to become a creative problem-solver. So, you see, thinking and learning differently from other people (or cats) can be a very positive thing indeed!

Some people say that they feel like their dyslexia is invisible because others don't know about it or understand what it means for them.

That's why I explained to Banjo all about my dyslexia and he said it was so good to hear about it, that he suggested I write to you too!

The most important thing to remember is that we are all different in all sorts of ways and trying to understand other people's strengths and challenges makes the world a better place.

Sending a big Aussie hug,

Riley x

